

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A fastening assembly to releasably secure a panel to a structure, the fastening
2 assembly comprising:
3 a clip having a channel portion fastened to a flat portion, the channel portion having
4 an opening adapted to receive an edge of a panel, and the flat portion having a hole; and
5 a locking fastener having an elongated locking member adjustable between a first
6 position and a second position,
7 wherein the locking member can pass through the hole when the locking member is in
8 the first position, and cannot pass through the hole when the locking member is in the second
9 position.

1 2. The fastening assembly according to claim 1 further comprising a threaded portion
2 disposed adjacent to an end of the locking fastener, the threaded portion to engage an inner
3 periphery of a hole formed in the structure and to secure the locking fastener to the structure.

1 3. The fastening assembly according to claim 1, wherein the channel portion comprises a
2 C-shaped cross-section capable of releasably receiving a welt.

1 4. The fastening assembly according to claim 1, wherein the channel portion is
2 connected to the flat portion such that the opening is directed outwardly from a point of
3 connection of the channel portion with the flat portion.

1 5. The fastening assembly according to claim 1, wherein the channel portion is disposed

adjacent to a first end of the flat portion and the hole is disposed adjacent to a second end of the flat portion, the second end being opposite the first end.

6. A screen room enclosure to be used with an awning of a structure, the awning being coupled to a wall of the structure, the screen room enclosure comprising:

a locking fastener for installation at the wall of the structure;

a side panel having a first edge to be located adjacent to the structure when the screen room enclosure is erected; and

a clip to couple the side panel to the locking fastener, the clip being slidable along the first edge relative to the side panel.

7. The screen room enclosure according to claim 6 further comprising an outer wall capable of being removably fastened at an upper edge to the awning.

8. The screen room enclosure according to claim 7, wherein the outer wall is removably fastenable at a first side edge to a second edge of the side panel.

9. The screen room enclosure according to claim 6, wherein the clip comprises a channel portion secured to a flat portion such that an opening in the channel portion is directed outwardly from a point of connection of the channel portion and the flat portion.

10. The screen room enclosure according to claim 6, wherein the locking fastener comprises a threaded portion disposed at an end of a fastening member, the threaded portion to engage an inner periphery of a hole formed in the structure to secure the locking fastener to the structure.

1 11. The screen room enclosure according to claim 6, wherein said locking fastener
2 comprises a locking member being rotatably adjustable between a first position and a second
3 position.

1 12. The screen room enclosure according to claim 11, wherein the locking member
2 adjusted to the first position can pass through a hole disposed in the clip, and the locking
3 member adjusted to the second position cannot pass through the hole disposed in the clip.

1 13. The screen room enclosure according to claim 11, wherein the clip is a C-channel clip
2 comprising a planar section having a hole engageable with the locking fastener, wherein the
3 hole is adapted to allow the locking fastener to pass therethrough when the locking fastener is
4 in the first position and to not allow the locking fastener to pass therethrough when the
locking fastener is in the second position..

1 14. The screen room enclosure according to claim 6 further comprising a welt extending
2 along the first edge of the side panel.

1 15. The screen room enclosure according to claim 14, wherein the welt comprises a
2 compressible core disposed within a sleeve formed along the first edge of the side panel.

1 16. A method of securing a side panel of a screen room enclosure to a structure, wherein
2 the side panel comprises a first edge, the method comprising the steps of:
3 installing a locking fastener at a location on a wall of the structure, the location being
4 free of obstructions;

5 attaching a clip to the first edge and moving the clip relative to the first edge such that
6 the location of the clip on the first edge generally corresponds to the location of the installed
7 locking fastener on the structure; and
8 coupling the first edge to the structure by securing the clip to the structure with the
9 locking fastener.

1 17. The method according to claim 16, wherein the step of installing the locking fastener
2 comprises the steps of:

3 determining a location on the wall of the structure for installation of the locking
4 fastener, the location being any location on the wall that is free of obstructions;
5 forming a hole in the wall at the location; and
6 inserting a threaded portion of the locking fastener such that the threaded portion
7 engages an inner periphery of the hole.

1 18. The method according to claim 16, wherein the step of attaching a clip to the first
2 edge and moving the clip relative to the first edge comprises the steps of:

3 coupling the clip to a welt disposed along the first edge; and
4 slidably adjusting the position of the clip relative to the welt such that the position of
5 the clip generally corresponds with the location of the locking fastener on the structure.

1 19. The method according to claim 18, wherein the step of coupling the clip to the welt
2 comprises the steps of:

3 applying a compressive force on the welt at a location where engagement of the welt
4 by the clip is desired, wherein the location on the welt is compressed by the compressive
5 force;

6 passing the compressed location on the welt through an opening in a channel portion
7 of the clip; and
8 releasing the compressive force on the location on the welt, allowing the location on
9 the welt to return to its uncompressed form, thereby occupying a majority of an interior of the
10 channel portion.

1 20. The method according to claim 18, wherein the step of coupling the clip to the welt
2 comprises:
3 inserting an end of the welt into an open end of a channel portion of the clip; and sliding the
4 clip along a length of the welt until the clip reaches a desired location on the welt.

1 21. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of coupling the first edge to the
2 structure by securing the clip to the structure with the locking fastener comprises the steps of:
3 placing the clip adjacent to the wall of the structure such that a hole in a flat portion of
4 the clip passes over a locking member in a first position; and
5 adjusting the position of the locking member to a second position, thereby preventing
6 removal of the clip from the structure.